



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Virginia Goss Tusher
Title: Significance Analysis of Microarrays
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Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel Group Art Unit: 1631
Docket No.: STAN.058US1 Conf. No.: 8102

San Francisco, California
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2003 setting a period for a response expiring on October 11, 2003. Attached is a request for Extension of Time to extend the response period to expire on November 12, 2003; November 11, 2003 being a Federal Holiday.

The undersigned attorney appreciates the telephonic interview granted by the Examiner, Mr. Marschel on November 12, 2003. During the interview, the undersigned attorney proposed that the restriction requirement be modified in order to combine sets I and II into a single group, on the ground that the combination would not require separate searches to be performed. Examiner Marschel disagreed, indicating that a number of differences between, for example, features of claims 1 and 23 require that each group be searched separately. (No agreement has been reached in the interview.

The Office Action requires restriction to the following four groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-22, 28-34, 44, 46, 51, 53, 54, 58, 60, and 61.
- II. Claims 23-27, 45, 52, and 59.
- III. Claims 35-38, 48, 49, 55, 56, 62, and 63.
- IV. Claims 39-43, 50, 57, and 64.

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